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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all previous versions of the claims for this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of maintaining time information for a wireless communications base station, comprising:

using <u>time information provided to</u> a neural network for generating a data set that provides future time information; and

selectively using time information from the data set for conducting a communication involving the base station.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data set is useful for a first time interval and including generating another data set for a second, later time interval.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, including repeatedly generating another data set for subsequent time intervals.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, including gathering time information from an external source; inputting the gathered time information to the neural network; and generating the data set based upon the inputted time information.

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5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the gathered time information extends over a selected period and including

comparing time information from the data set for a period corresponding to the selected period with the gathered time information; and

changing at least one characteristic of the neural network when the data set time information does not correspond to the gathered time information within a selected range.

- 6. (Original) The method of claim 5, including changing the characteristic of the neural network by changing at least one of a number of layers in the neural network, a number of neurons in the neural network or a complexity factor of the neural network.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 5, including repeatedly performing the steps of comparing and changing until the data set time information corresponds to the gathered time information within the selected range.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, including receiving time information from an external source;

 determining when the external source time information is not available; and using the data set for time information when the external source time information is not available.

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- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, including using an initialization time value and the data set to generate time information until the external source time information becomes available.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the external source time information comprises global position system time information.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data set comprises a plurality of coefficients for generating future time information based upon a start time.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 1, including providing at least more than 24 hours of future time information using the data set.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 12, including providing at least two weeks of future time information using the data set.
- 14. (New) A wireless communication device, comprising:

 a neural network that generates a data set for providing future time information; and
 a base station controller that determines time information from a global position system

 (GPS) source of time information and uses the data set for obtaining time information if the GPS

source is unavailable to the base station controller.

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- 15. (New) The device of claim 14, wherein the data set is useful for a first time interval and the neural network generates another data set for a second, later time interval.
- 16. (New) The device of claim 15, wherein the neural network repeatedly generates another data set for subsequent time intervals.
- 17. (New) The device of claim 14, wherein the neural network receives an input of gathered time information and generates the data set based upon the inputted time information.
- 18. (New) The device of claim 14, wherein the data set comprises a plurality of coefficients for generating future time information based upon a start time.
- 19. (New) The device of claim 14, wherein the data set provides at least more than 24 hours of future time information.
- 20. (New) The device of claim 19, wherein the data set provides at least two weeks of future time information.